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IN RE APPLICATION OF: :  
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SERIAL NO.: New Application :  
FILED: Herewith : GROUP ART UNIT:  
FOR: OPTICAL FIBER AND WAVELENGTH  
DIVISION MULTIPLEX TRANSMISSION LINE

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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SIR:

Prior to an examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

Please replace the paragraph at page 13, lines 8-11, with the following text:

The RDF 1 illustrated in FIG. 1A has a center core 11, a side core layer (or a depressed layer) 12 formed around the same, and a cladding layer 13 formed around the side core layer 12.

**REMARKS**

Favorable consideration of this application, as presently amended, is respectfully requested.